Disabled population in the country

1217. SHRI AHMED MOHAMMED BHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disabled population in the country has touched 10 million mark as per expert's report-

(b) if so, what are the States where dis. abled population is increasing;

(c) what are the main reasons for such an increase;

(d) whether any concrete plans are being formulated to help and check the increase in disabled papulation in lndia; and

(e) whether according to the experts thig is *the.* highest rate among the countries?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir. As per National Sample Survey on disabled persons conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1981, there are 12 million persons having locomotor, visual, hearing and speech disabilities Mental disabilities was excluded from the survey;

(b) JO (d) The States where disabled population is increasing and the reasons thereof would be known only after the results of 1991 Sample Survey are pub. lished.

(c) No authentic information is avail able.

Funds Mr SCs/STs Finance Development Corporation

1218. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJU BHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to stale:

fa) what amount has been earmarked under the Eighth Five Year Plan for funding of the SC/ST Finance Develop- men,: Corporation and extending self em. ployment loans therefrom;

(b) whether in view of the Pressing demand, there is a proposal for increasing thg allocation for the corporation under the Plan if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) what is esdmated number of unem- ployed educated, uneducated skilled and unskilled workers, able bodied persons belonging to SCs and STs requiring self- employment loans from the said corpora. tions: State-wise and UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Rs. 50 crores have been provided for National SC/ST Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) in the 8th Five Year Plan for disbursing loans to SC/ST beneficiaries for economic development Schemes including self- employment Schemes

(bo Yes, Sir. The matter of raising the Plan allocation of NSFDC is under consideration of 'he Government.

(c) NSFDC takes up self employment Schemes for educated, uneducated, skilled and unskilled workers belonging to SCs and ST_S on the recommendation of the State Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe Corporation and other channelising agencies. The details of assistance provided so far and the details of proposals pending for assistance are enclosed at Annexure (See Appendix CLXIX. Annexure No. 33].

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

12.00 NOON

I. Report and Accounts (1992-93) of the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Memorandum of Understanding (1993. 94) between Govt, of India (Ministry of Mines) and National Aluminium Company Ltd.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BAL-